

REMARKS

By way of the present response, claims 1 and 9 are amended. Claims 1-10 currently are pending. In view of the above amendments and the remarks that follow, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

With the response dated September 29, 2005, Applicant submitted ten replacement drawing sheets in which each of FIGS. 1A to 8B, 11 and 12, which were amended to include the suggested legend “-Prior Art-.” However, the most recent Office Action neither acknowledges the replacement drawing sheets nor indicates whether they are approved. Applicant requests the Examiner to indicate, in the next communication, whether the replacement drawing sheets have been received and approved.

On page 2 of the Action, the Office rejects claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 as allegedly being indefinite. More specifically, the Office asserts that recitations of claims 1 and 9, “forming a wiring by electrically connecting the first wiring pattern and the second wiring pattern,” is confusing and unclear. While Applicant disagrees that the cited recitations are indefinite, especially when read in light of the specification, the recitations of “forming a wiring ...” have been deleted from claims 1 and 9, thus rendering moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Furthermore, as instructed in MPEP § 2173.02, an examiner’s focus during examination of claims for compliance with the requirement for definiteness under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is whether the claim meets the threshold requirements of clarity and precision, not whether more suitable language or modes of expression are available or whether the language is not as precise as the examiner may require. In the present case, as the Office correctly assumes, the claimed features of “forming a wiring ...” concern connecting the first wiring pattern and the second wiring pattern. Indeed, claims 1 and 9 recite that a wiring is formed by electrically connecting two things, namely, a first wiring pattern and a second wiring pattern. Applicant submits that there is nothing unclear about these features recited in claims 1 and 9. In any event, to advance the prosecution in this application, claims 1 and 9 are amended to recite that “the first and second wiring patterns are electrically connected,” as mentioned on page 2 of the Action.

For at least these reasons, the rejection under Section 112 should be withdrawn.

On page 3 of the Action, claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, as

allegedly being anticipated by Figures 7A and 7B, which are described in the first paragraph of page 7 of the related art section of Applicant's specification. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claims 1 and 9 now recite, *inter alia*, "wherein the first and the second wiring patterns are the same," and "wherein the first and second wiring patterns are electrically connected." Support for the amended subject matter is found, for example, in the specification, starting at line 24 of page 10 to line 4 of page 11, at line 22 of page 11 to line 7 of page 12, and in Figures 9 and 10. For example, Figure 10 shows a reticle 102 including a wiring pattern 1001, and the same wiring pattern of a same reticle is used to form display device wiring patterns over a substrate.

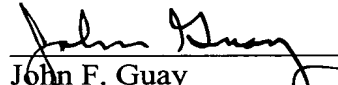
The Examiner asserts that Figures 7A and 7B of Applicant's description of the related art show a method of forming first and second wiring patterns 705, 706 over a substrate using a same reticle 102. However, Figures 7A and 7B do not disclose the claimed features relating to first and second wiring patterns being a same wiring pattern and electrically connected to each other. For instance, Figure 7B shows that each of patterns 705-708 are different from one another. Hence, Figures 7A and 7B do not anticipate methods utilizing a same pattern on a same reticle as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 9.

Claims 2 and 10 depend from one of allowable claims 1 and 9, and are therefore considered allowable because they respectively encompass the novel aspects described above. Additionally, claims 2 and 10 recite combinations including additional features not described in the section of Applicant's specification describing the related art.

The Office's continued indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 3-8 is appreciated.

As all rejections raised in the final Office Action are addressed above, it is believed the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt notification of the same is earnestly sought.

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